

*Security Operations*  
*Exp. Act.*

Official Secrets Act, 1920

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(2) If any person --

(a) retains for any purpose prejudicial to the interests of the State any official document whether or not completed or issued for use, when he has no right to retain it, or when it is contrary to his duty to retain it, or fails to comply with any directions issued by any Government Department or any person authorized by such department with regard to the return or disposal thereof; or

(b) allows any other person to have possession of any official document issued for his use alone, or communicates any secret official code word or pass word so issued, or, without lawful authority or excuse, has in his possession any official document or secret official code word or pass word issued for the use of some person other than himself, or on obtaining possession of any official document by finding or otherwise, neglects or fails to restore it to the person or authority by whom or for whose use it was issued, or to a police constable; or

(c) \* \* \*

he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

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7. Any person who attempts to commit any offence under the principal [1911] Act or this Act, or solicits or incites or endeavours to persuade another person to commit an offence, or aids or abets or does any act preparatory to the commission of an offence under the principal Act or this Act, shall be guilty of a felony or misdemeanour or a summary offence according as the offence in question is a felony, misdemeanour or a

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summary offence, and on conviction shall be liable to the same punishment, and to be proceeded against in the same manner, as if he had committed the offence.